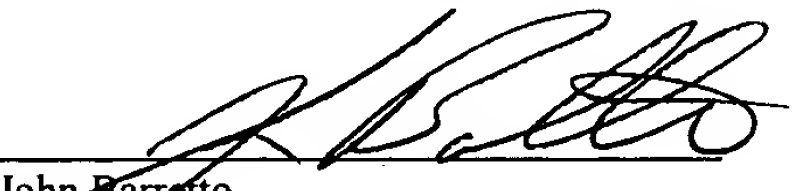


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Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time, from July 26, 2004 up to and including August 26, 2004 for the filing of a Response and Amendment to a Final Office Action mailed April 26, 2004 in the above-identified application. A check for \$55.00 is enclosed.

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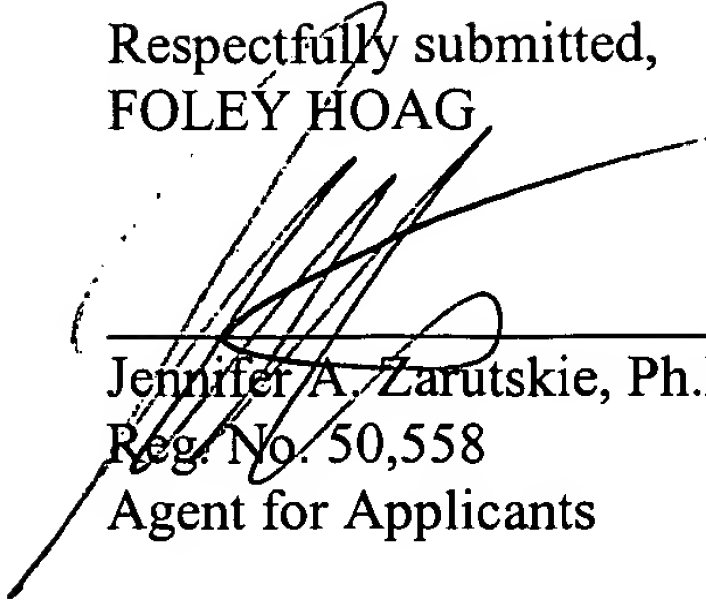
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